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SUBJECT: THE LST QUOTE SUTTER COUNTY UNQUOTE

EXTRACT OF AUGUST 1 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOLLOWS:

QUOTE ADMINISTRATION SUSPENDS SALE TO ECUADOR,
HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER OF COLORADO.
QUOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY,
AUGUST 1, 1975.
QUOTE MRS. SCHROEDER. MR. SPEAKER, ON JUNE 11, 1975,
I INTRODUCED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 498 FOR MYSELF AND
MR. MC DONALD OF GEORGIA. THE BILL'S PURPOSE WAS TO
PROHIBIT THE SALE OF THE U.S. LANDING CRAFT SUTTER
COUNTY TO ECUADOR.
QUOTE I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TO MY COLLEAGUES
THAT ACTION ON THIS BILL IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ADVISED ME THAT THEY HAVE SUS-
PENDED THEIR PLANS TO PURSUE THE SUTTER COUNTY SALE.
QUOTE I OPPOSED THIS SALE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT
WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT OF A JANUARY 25,
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1975 BAN ON ARMS SALES TO ECUADOR. THE BAN WAS

TRIGGERED BY THE RESUMPTION OF ECUADORIAN SEIZURES OF
AMERICAN TUNA BOATS FISHING NEAR ECUADORIAN COASTAL

WATERS. THE PROPOSED SALE BECAME PARTICULARLY ALARMING
WHEN ECUADOR USED A WORLD WAR II PATROL BOAT, PURCHASED
FROM THE UNITED STATES, TO SEIZE THE NEPTUNE. THE
NEPTUNE, A TUNA BOAT, WAS SEIZED IN FEBRUARY AND HELD
BY ECUADORIANS FOR MORE THAN A MONTH.

QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. I
AM CERTAIN THAT YOUR RESPONSE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
CONVINCING THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT FURTHER CONSIDERA-
TION OF THE SALE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE USELESS.

QUOTE THE LIST OF COSPONSORS FOLLOW:

COSPONSORS

ABZUG, BADILLO, BLANCHARD, BURGENER, CARNEY, DOWNEY,
N.Y., EDGAR, HANNAFORD, HECHLER, W. VA., KETCHUM, LA-
FALCE, LEVITAS, MC DONALD, MOAKLEY, MOSS, OTTINGER,
RIEGLE, SPELLMAN, STARKE, VAN DEERLIN, WON PAT. END

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